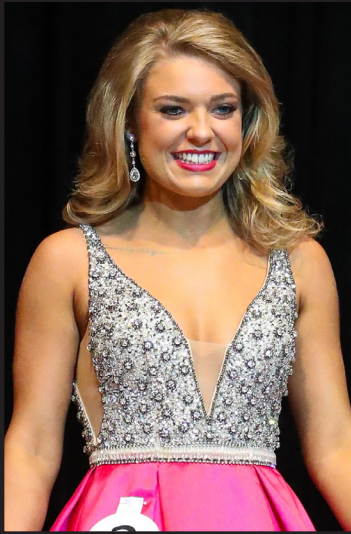




parade of beauties

jami spears smiles with confidence



Young women gathered with one common goal, to achieve the title of "Most Beautiful." The pageant opened with host Pat Young introducing the 2017 title holder for "Most Beautiful," Liza Nettles, as well as the procession of the contestants. The event was judged by Anthony Britt, Kami Burns Bumgarner, and Jennifer Gray. After Brittany Tillinghast and Anna Grace Thomas sang, "Scars to Your Beautiful," the girls returned for the Individual Evening Gown Modeling. The judges were very observant of the contestants' steps and smiles. Each of the twelve contestants walked across the stage to model their gowns for the judges, and while the scores were tallied, the members of Who's Who were presented individually. Ryan Ivey was Mr. SMCC. Miss SMCC was Makennah Redd. Campus favorites were Edward Howard and Rashondra Rankin. Tyler White was named "Most Handsome." This year's beaus were Ronnie Bates, Bob Boyd, Patrick Larsen, Luke Morgan, and Ridgell Robinson. Sophomore Class Favorites were Anna Aucoin, Kade Boone, Anna Klaire Dorr, Aleigh Flynn, Haven Johnson, and Tyler White. Freshman Class Favorites were Macy Booty, McKena Henderson, Kimberly San, Linley Smith, Bryson Tymes, and Shelby Woodworth.

While the judges calculated, sophomore Anna Grace Thomas entertained the crowd by performing "Someone Like You." Soon after, the decision was made. The six contestants advancing to the next round were Jenny Alexandra Burkett, Kinley Douglas, Aleigh Flynn, Tiffany Prevost, Linley Smith, and Jami Spears. Following the announcement of the top six, the remaining beauties modeled once more for the judges to seal their final evaluation. Once the judges began wrapping up their decisions for who will take the crown, Leone Smith wowed the crowd with her powerful presentation of the inspiring song, "Champion." The five runners up were Jenny Alexandra Burkett, Kinley Douglas, Aleigh Flynn, Tiffany Prevost, and Linley Smith. Jami Ashton Spears was crowned "Most Beautiful." Each of the five runners up, along with the winner, were awarded a bouquet of flowers. The memorable occasion was momentous for all of the contestants and their families.

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left: The "Most Beautiful" and top five beauties: Jenny Alexandra Burkett, Kinley Douglas, Jami Spears, Linley Smith, Aleigh Flynn, and Tiffany Prevost; opposite page: Jami Spears smiles to the crowd as she is crowned "Most Beautiful;" top left: Aleigh Flynn models her evening gown; top right: Linley Smith acknowledges the crowd; middle: Tiffany Prevost flashes a smile to the judges.